

Me Claim 1, line 13, change "characterising" to --characterized--.

Claim 2, delete all of the reference numerals and letters shown in parenthesis and also delete the corresponding parenthesis.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "(4a)".

Claim 4, line 2, delete "(6)", and in line 3, delete "(4a)".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or Claim 4";

Claim 5, lines 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, delete all reference numerals and letters shown in parenthesis and also delete the corresponding parenthesis.

Claims 6-9, delete all of the reference numerals and letters shown in parenthesis and also delete the corresponding parenthesis.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--;

Claim 10, line 3, delete "(4)" and "(5)".

Claim 11, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--, and delete "(8)".

Claim 12, line 2, delete "(8)".

Claim 13, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--, and delete "(11)".

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--, and delete "(9)".

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--;

Claim 15, line 3, delete "(10)".

Claim 16, line 3, after "including" insert --the steps of;--;